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Title: Secure Exchange Of
Objects In A Distributed
Computing Environment

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF EXCESS INDEPENDENT CLAIM FEE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please let this serve as a formal request for a refund of the excess independent claim fee in the amount of \$210.00, which was charged in conjunction with the Response to Office Action filed on March 28, 2008. Applicants note that no claims were added in the Response, thus no fees should have been required.

Applicant respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$210.00 to deposit account no. 501505/5181-47300/RCK. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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